THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO) : (a) Yes, Sir. Two quarterly instalments of Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) for 2000-01 amounting to Rs. 87.42 crore have been released. The Central Government have taken various other measures including issue of instructions by Railways for priority for transportation of fodder and water free of cost, orders for supply of 20 kg. of foodgrains per month to each family at Below Poverty Line (BPL) rates in the affected areas, sanction of 2 kg. per man day at BPL rates under Food for Work Programme and allocation of food-grains to run free community kitchens in the drought affected areas.

(b) and (c) The States of Gujarat and Rajasthan have been severely affected. The Government of Gujarat has informed that a number of works have been started in scarcity areas to employ the labourers on relief works, number of cattle camps/gaushalas/panjrapoles have been opened for looking after cattles, number of fodder depots, have been opened for supply of fodder and action taken for providing water to a number of habitations. The Government of Rajasthan has opened fodder depots for supply of fodder, cattle camps for the benefit of cattle and is providing water in the villages through tankers. The State Government is also reportedly taking steps to prevent migration of labourers by employing them on relief works.

Excess Fruit and Vegetable Production

4144. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO :

SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposed to set up more Food Processing Industries to utilise excess production of fruits and vegetables and save farmers from fall in prices;

(b) if so, the salient features of the schemes; and

(c) the allocation made and the target for setting up such units ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN) : (a) The Government does not set up food processing industries on its own. The Department of Food Processing Industries provides support to facilitate overall growth of food processing sector. Under its plan schemes, the Department provides Concessional finance to food processing industries. Besides, other agencies like National Horticultural Board

(NHB), Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), National Co-operative Development Corporation (NCDC) also provide assistance under their respective schemes. This sector has also been included as a priority sector for providing loan by Financial Institutions.

With a view to save farmers from falling prices, Government of India is implementing a Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for horticultural crops on specific request of concerned State Governments. The Scheme envisages procurement of pre-determined quantity of produce at an agreed price for a specific period to arrest downward trend of prices and to assure remunerative prices to the growers. NAFED is the Central Nodal Agency for procurement under Market Intervention Scheme. The losses if any, are shared on 50:50 basis between the Central & State Governments.

(b) A statement indicating the salient features of the schemes of financial assistance available from the Department of Food Processing Industries and other agencies is enclosed (*See* below).

(c) The plan outlay approved by the Planning Commission for the plan schemes being operated by the Department of Food Processing Industries during 2000-2001 is Rs. 50.00 Crores. The Government does not set up units on its own and hence no targets are laid down.

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Assistance available from Central Government and other Central agencies for fruit processing

(i) Department of Food Processing Industries : Under the plan scheme operated by the Department, Financial assistance ranging from Rs. 25 lakhs to Rs. 2.00 Crores depending upon the nature of the organisation is available as grant/loan. The quantum of grant/loan is limited to 50% of the cost of capital equipmemt and technical civil works.

(ii) National Horticultural Board (NHB) : Under the schemes operated by the Board, upto Rs. 100 lakhs is available as loan.

(iii) Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) : Under the Schemes operated by the Authority, financial assistance upto Rs. 25 lakhs is available as grant.

(iv) National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) : NCDC provides financial assistance in the form of loan/grant for

establishment of post-harvest management infrastructure by fruit and vegetable cooperatives so as to enable them to market and process agricultural produce. It ranges from 60% to 95% of the project cost.

Amount Spent on ICAR

4145. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the amount spent so far on Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) since its inception, year-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : The expenditure incurred by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) from 1947-48 to 1998-99 year-wise is enclosed as statement (*See* below). Prior to 1947, it was known as Imperial Council of Agricultural Research which was initially established in 1929 registered under Society Act, 1860.

STATEMENT

Indian Council of Agricultural Research Statement Showing Expenditure Incurred by I.C.A.R. from 1947 to 1998

(In Lakhs of Rupees)

Financial Year	Total Expenditure Incurred by I. C. A. R.
(1)	(2)
1947-48	16.26
1948-49	17.97
1949-50	17.53
1950-51	18.30
1951-52	42.03
1952-53	35.57
1953-54	42.32
1954-55	53.31
1955-56	53.87
1956-57	53.87
1957-58	77.76